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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on February 19, 2008, Applicant elects Species A of Figure 1 for further prosecution in the above-referenced patent application. Applicant respectfully submits that dependent claims 41 and 42 read on the elected species. Further, Applicant agrees with the Examiner that claims 15, 16, and 18-31 are generic, and thus, should also be further examined in connection with the elected species.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned should the Examiner have any questions concerning this Paper. Applicant does not believe that any fees are required in connection with this Paper, however, the Office is authorized to charge any fees required to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket No. 011235.56348US).

> Respectfully submitted, CROWELL & MORING LLP

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